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Paranormal Researcher

Joseph McMoneagle's interest and experiences in paranormal studies have led him to serve as a consultant at the Monroe Institute of Applied Sciences in Faber, which researches parapsychology, as well as at the Stanford Research Institute International. He has also been a subject of studies by both institutes.

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He Helps Focus 'Remote Viewing'

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FABER — Have you ever dreamed about a situation that came true the next day?

Or have you ever sensed that a loved-one, several miles away, was in trouble?

Many people have. That's where "deja vu," "intuition" and "hunches" come into the vocabulary.

Multiply those feelings by 100, and you have experienced "remote viewing," Joseph McMoneagle and his wife Nancy explained.

Remote viewing is "the ability of a human being to remotely perceive information or data about a place, person or thing," said Joseph.

For example, by using this sense, Joseph can describe the surroundings of a specific person far away.

Or an experimenter can write map coordinates, give them to him in a sealed envelope, and he can describe what's located at the coordinates without actually looking at them — whether it's the St. Louis Arch or the Grand Canyon, he said.

He said he used his sense of remote viewing to predict when and where the space shuttle would land nine months before it did.

His prediction, he said, was within six minutes of the time and sixty kilometers of the actual impact.

"Remote viewing is a natural talent possessed by all human beings," Joseph said. Not everyone develops that sense, he added, because society teaches people to repress it.

Joseph not only practices remote viewing, but he and his wife study it and try to find practical uses for it.

They both work in Faber at the Monroe Institute of Applied Sciences, which studies the paranormal.

Nancy is the director of the in-
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stitute; Joseph is a full-time consultant for Monroe Institute and for Stanford Research Institute International.

He is also the subject of much of the research these two institutes conduct.

In addition, he owns and operates his own business, Intuitive Intelligence Applications, in Nellysford.

In Nancy's case, the pursuit of this career seems relatively natural since her stepfather is Robert Monroe, founder of the Monroe Institute.

For Joseph, who retired from the Army a few years ago, the new career choice came from a string of events.

Perhaps the first time he became aware that more things exist in life than society accepts, he said, was in 1966 when he saw a U.F.O.

While stationed at an air-sea rescue unit in the Bahamas, he and his friend were walking home from a bar when the sky lit up, he said.

"I looked up and saw a shimmering disc the size of three football fields," he explained.

"We weren't drunk," he insisted.

After they saw the U.F.O., they turned around and went back to the bar. They didn't tell anyone there, nor did they ever speak to each other about the experience, he said.

The next day, however, he noticed that they both had what appeared to be sunburn or blast-burn on their faces, he said.

While in Austria in 1970, he said, he had another paranormal experience, what McMoneagle called "a classic near-death experience."

Feeling "really miserable" in an Austrian restaurant, Moneagle went outside to get some fresh air, he said. Once outside, he heard a "distinct pop," and he looked at his arm and noticed that rain was falling through it.

"I looked up and saw my body in the gutter and a crowd gathering around it," he said. "I saw my friend giving me CPR."

He said he watched people load his body into an ambulance, and that he followed the ambulance to a hospital in Germany, where he watched doctors revive him.

"Then I had a feeling of incredible warmth on the back of my neck," he said. "I was enveloped in an incredibly white light."

"Love, God, Buddha — everything that you can conceive of that is spiritually correct — is encompassed in that white light," he said.

The light soothed him, and he

didn't want to leave it, but a voice told him it wasn't time to die, he said. He then heard another distinct pop.

When the doctors revived him, he said, he sat up and told everyone about the experience.

They took him to a rest home where they ran tests for several weeks to see if brain damage had occurred.

Their refusal to accept his out-of-body story as true did not stop him from believing, though.

"Ever since then I have been looking for something more than culture offers," he said.

While vacationing in 1978, he went to the Stanford Research Institute International to find out more about remote viewing, which he had been reading about. The staff convinced him to take part in six experiments.

In all of them, he showed "tremendous remote viewing ability," he said.

Since then, he has participated in over 3,000 experiments.

Because he practices remote viewing, McMoneagle has developed the sense to the point that he can successfully perform in all experiments, he said.

That makes him a prime subject for research and experiments designed to discover the limits of remote viewing. Sometimes he participates in the experiments in Nellysford; sometimes he must go to California.

He also tries to teach people to remote view but has found he's not actually teaching them the sense as much as breaking down the barriers that have kept the person from using this sense, he said.

"I'm helping them to develop a philosophical concept where they unlearn what culture has taught them," McMoneagle explained. "I'm helping them get rid of their hang ups."

He believes if people stop repressing the sense and begin using it, doors will open up.

In fact, besides investigating the sense, his business, Intuitive Intelligence Applications, concentrates on finding ways remote viewing can be used constructively.

Locating sites for archaeological digs and places to drill oil, determining the wisest investments and discovering scientific information are some possible applications, he said.

On a personal level, he is trying to develop other senses and abilities. For example, he said, he has had "out-of-body experiences" since the one in 1970, and he is learning to control them.

A controlled experience is when he purposely leaves his body and goes somewhere else while it sleeps, McMoneagle explained.

A spontaneous one is one that happens without conscious effort.

An example he gave occurred in June 1985 following a heart attack. While having triple bypass surgery, he said, he left his body and viewed the operation.

Nancy said she has had spontaneous out-of-body experiences but has not yet learned to control them. They say the feeling of the experience is "wonderful."

Many people don't believe the McMoneagles have had these experiences. Some who do believe might think that the retired Army man and his wife are taking the slogan "Be all that you can be" too far when they attempt these paranormal experiences.

The McMoneagles, though, believe they are just releasing natural talents and senses that society has caused humans to repress.

They are refusing to live by society's standards of reality.

"Just because culture says something is true (or false), doesn't make it so," Joseph said.